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BYERS, Colo., Dec. 23.—Twenty-six wealthy farmers living near Byers have leased 320 acres to be planted in beans in the spring, the proceeds, or such part as necessary, to be used to defray expenses to see the games in the world's series of 1917.

REFLECTION FROM NEWLY PAINTED WOOD COSTS EYE

MANHATTAN, Kan., Dec. 23.—The brilliant reflection of the sun on freshly painted woodwork striking him in the face caused L. E. Wood, of Newton, to lose his eyesight. Physicians, who attended him declared the sudden strain on the optic nerve caused paralysis that may become permanent.

As Wood, a student in the state agricultural college, was walking down the street, a fraternity brother called to him from an upper story window of the Sigma Nu chapter house. Wood glanced upward suddenly into a dazzling reflection from newly painted woodwork, which blinded him.

KANSAN AT AGED OF 104 STILL EATS WITH RELISH

SMITH CENTER, Kan., Dec. 23.—John Munsinger, a widely known citizen of this county, celebrated his one hundred and fourth birthday anniversary at the home of his son, Jay Munsinger, in Elk county.

The mind of the aged man is clear and strangers seldom estimate his age to be over 80. His appetite is good and he can eat the usual foods with the relish of a youngster. His long journey through life has been marked by temperance, regular habits and an entire lack of worrying.

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PAST YEAR HAS BEEN ONE OF GREAT INTEREST IN AMATEUR SPORT



Left to right, above: Simpson, Overton, Black and Ludy Langer. Below: Chick Evans (left) and Norris Williams.

Chief among amateur sport events through the year now closing have been the brilliant play of Captain Black of Yale, whose football team staged a real comeback; the retention of his golfing honors by Chick Evans, who seems to outclass, with no great effort, all of his competitors; and the resumption of the tennis throne by R. Norris Williams. He lowered his own world's record on the 120-yard high hurdles to 14-3-5 seconds. Johnny Overton of Yale won the intercollegiate cross country race for the second time.

Bumper Crops and Prices

By W. J. Showalter.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—That the farmer receives less money for his bumper grain crops than he gets for his lean ones, although the handling of the one involves infinitely more labor than the gathering and marketing of the other, is the somewhat startling statement made by William Joseph Showalter, a Washington economist, in a paper brought to the attention of the House of Representatives by Representative Flood of Virginia, in connection with the high cost of living issue. He shows how the farmers of the world received a billion dollars less for their bumper grain crop of 1912 than they got for the lean one of 1911, how those of the United States received \$172,000,000 less for their bumper corn crop of 1912 than for their lean one of 1911, and how the wheat growers got \$24,000,000 less for their bumper wheat crop of 1912 than they did for their lean one of 1911. In his paper Mr. Showalter says:

High Cost to Farmers.—While Congress is considering the high cost of living from the standpoint of the consumer, it might also consider the high cost of universal bumper crops to the farmers who produce them. A study of the statistics of the department of agriculture will show that bumper crops, with all the extra labor they involve, bring the farmers shorter returns than the lean ones.

"For instance, in 1911 the world had a lean year as far as grain crops go. Leaving out rice, the total grain yield was 13,786,000,000 bushels, enough to load a train five times around the equator. In 1912, however, it was a bumper year, the biggest yield of grain that Mother Earth in all her history ever produced. It reached the enormous total of 16,115,000,000 bushels, practically ten bushels for every man, woman and child upon the face of the globe. Enough to load a string of cars reaching more than six times around the earth.

"And yet, based on the farm prices per bushel prevailing in the United States on December 1, of the two years, which is fairly representative of world prices, the farmer got more actual cash for his lean crop of 1911 than he got for his fat one of 1912. The average per bushel price of the five great cereals was approximately seventy-three cents in 1911, as compared with fifty-five cents in 1912. So if you will take out your pencil and figure it up you will find that the world's farmers re-

ceived approximately a billion and a quarter dollars less for the great bumper crop of 1912 than they got for the lean crop of 1911.

Less for Bumper Crop.—The same conditions obtained in 1906 and 1907. Here the former year was one of those great fat ones when the granaries of the world were overflowing, and the latter a very lean one. Yet the farmers got nearly two billion dollars less for the great bumper crop of 1906 than they received for their lean crop of 1907.

"Taking our own country alone we see the same thing happens with the American farmer in his fat and lean years. For instance, 1912 was a bumper year in corn production. For the first time in our history we reached and passed the three billion bushel mark—3,212,000,000 bushels. On the other hand, 1913 was the poorest corn year the American farmer had encountered in a decade, producing only 2,446,000,000 bushels. And yet, the department of agriculture figures, reduced to comparative totals, show that the farm value of the lean crop of 1913 was \$172,000,000 greater than that of the big bumper crop of 1912.

Lean Year for Wheat.—The same condition obtains in the case of wheat. The year 1906 was a bumper wheat year. For the first time in our history the seven hundred million bushel mark was passed, showing a crop of 725,000,000 bushels. On the other hand, 1907 was a real, genuine lean wheat year, with a production of only 634,000,000 bushels. And yet, although the 1907 crop was a hundred million bushels less than the bumper crop of 1906, its value to the farmer was \$64,000,000 greater.

"The same thing happened with the bumper crop of oats in 1906 as compared with the poor one of 1907, as well as in the case of the bumper crop of 1910 as compared with the lean one of 1911. It also happened in the case of the bumper barley crop of 1906 and of 1912.

"All the world understands, of course, the law of supply and demand, and knows that big crops mean lower per bushel prices. But to take both world-wide, all-crop statistics, and national single-crop statistics, and to find that without exception the bumper crops bring less money in the aggregate to the farmer than the very lean ones, is to disclose a condition in the economics of food production that is at once surprising and important."

COUPLE

Marry Second Time, Thus Binding a Previous Contract Union.

NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 23.—According to Newark authorities, Mr. and Mrs. Louis Bansemer, of this city, who wed by contract while the former was serving with the First Infantry, N. G. N. J., on the Mexican border, are "neither single, divorced, nor widowed," so the couple, to remove any doubt about the legality of their marriage, will go through a regular ceremony at their home.

The bride was Miss Ethel Maud Sergeant, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Sergeant. Bansemer is employed by the Prudential Insurance Company. Their engagement was announced June 27.

A week later Mr. Bansemer was sent to Sea Girl with Company H, First Infantry, of which he is company clerk. Before the marriage could be performed the regiment was ordered to the border.

After correspondence, the couple decided to wed by proxy, but were advised that such a marriage would not be recognized in New Jersey. Accordingly the contract ceremony was agreed upon. Miss Sergeant signed the necessary papers in the presence of witnesses and a notary on July 5 and they were then sent to the border for the bridegroom's signature.

Several weeks ago Mr. Bansemer returned with his regiment and the two went to housekeeping. Since then Mrs. Sergeant inquired about the legality of the marriage and the second ceremony plan was the result.

AGED MAN FALLS 10 INCHES; SICK WIFE FINDS HIM DEAD

PHILADELPHIA, Pa., Dec. 23.—A fall of ten inches, the height of the lower step of the stairway in his home, caused the death of George Welt, aged 64.

About 3 a. m. Welt left his bedroom to go to the kitchen for medicine for his wife. He carried no light and miscalculated the number of steps.

He slipped from the lowest one, and the noise of his fall was so subdued that Mrs. Welt thought he had merely stumbled. Some time later, however, when he failed to return, she went to the first floor and found her husband lying unconscious, half way through a doorway, near the foot of the stairs. She summoned Dr. C. Menger, of Twenty-ninth and Oxford streets, but Welt died before the physician arrived. He had broken his neck in the ten inch fall.

THIRD INCREASE.

HARTFORD, Ct., Dec. 23.—The Lewiston Cotton Mills of Connecticut has announced its third increase in pay during the year. It became effective December 4 and affected 1,000 workers.

CONGO

To Be Visited by Scientists from the Smithsonian Institution of Washington.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—An expedition in the interests of the Smithsonian Institution will leave for the French Congo and neighboring parts of West Africa.

It will be known as the "Collins-Garner Congo expedition, in the interests of the Smithsonian institution," and will be headed by Alfred M. Collins, of Philadelphia, explorer and sportsman, who has made several trips to Africa and other regions in search of big game.

Richard L. Garner, of New York, who has already made extensive investigations concerning the apes and monkeys of Central Africa, is manager of the expedition.

The other members of the party are Prof. Charles W. Furlong, of Boston, scientist, artist and explorer, and Charles R. W. Aschmeier, of Washington, who represents the Smithsonian as collector of natural history specimens for the United States national museum.

The natural history collections will come to the United States national museum.

It is expected that Mr. Garner and Mr. Aschmeier will start for Bordeaux as soon as the outfit is ready, probably some time this month, and that Mr. Collins and Prof. Furlong will follow about March 1, 1917.

THIS MAN, FOR A CORPSE, PROVES VERY MUCH ALIVE

CLEVELAND, O., Dec. 23.—Out of town friends of Frank Bartek, who came to Cleveland the other day to attend his funeral and offer sympathy to his family, learned he was very much alive.

When they entered the house, instead of gazing on his face in a coffin, they saw him in a chair smiling and looking as happy and healthy as could be.

"Why, I even went to the morgue to interview my corpse," he said jokingly to his friends.

A man who died of exposure several days ago had been identified as Mr. Bartek.

CLEAN UP OVER A MILLION IN SALVAGE OF FREIGHTER

SAN DIEGO, Calif., Dec. 23.—That the former German freighter Sesostris ashore at Ocos, Guatemala, for thirteen years, has been successfully floated is the news received from Capt. R. Ridley, skipper of the British Columbia salvage tug Pilot.

Three hydraulic pumps and 150 natives were used to remove the great banks of sand from around the giant freighter, which is said to be as seaworthy as upon the day it went ashore.

For many years the Sesostris was used as a coffee warehouse, while its dynamo plant was utilized to supply electricity to the residents of Ocos. The salvagers will clear more than \$1,000,000 on their venture.

COYOTE BOUNTY \$20 A HEAD RAISERS PURCHASE DOGS

ROSEBURG, Ore., Dec. 23.—Because of complaints from the ranchers that the sheep industry was endangered by the increasing number of coyotes, the county court decided to place a bounty of \$20, instead of \$10, as at present. Some of the most prominent sheep raisers told the court \$10,000 worth of sheep had been killed by coyotes the last year.

A number of sheep raisers will purchase hounds to exterminate the coyotes.

\$10,000,000 INCREASE.

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—Ten million dollars is estimated to have been added to payrolls of New England mills as the result of ten per cent wage increases to employees.

BIG CHRISTMAS TREE ON FLOOR OF EXCHANGE

In New York for the Employees of the Exchange and Their Families.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—Celebration of Christmas began here today with a big tree on the floor of the board room in the stock exchange for the employees of the exchange and their families. There were gifts of toys and candy and books for the children. Presents also were provided by the brokers for the poor families living in the "backyard" of Wall street, one of the most densely populated districts in the city. There was no lack of cheer for the workers on the financial district themselves for the distribution of houses yesterday and today was on an unprecedented scale.

The combination of a Saturday half holiday with Sunday preceding the holiday sent many thousands of persons out of the city for holiday visits to friends and relatives.

Trains on all railroads were literally packed with outgoing travelers and those coming into the city brought almost as many visitors.

In police stations throughout the city gifts will be distributed tomorrow to thousands of poor children. The police themselves collected funds for this purpose among the shopkeepers and others in their respective precincts.

Vaudeville and motion picture entertainments also will be provided in several of the stations. These will be attended by Police Commissioner Woods and clergymen of various denominations as well as persons of prominence living in the precincts.

Special Christmas services have been arranged for tomorrow in nearly all the churches, including St. Patrick's cathedral, the Cathedral of St. John, the Divine, and of Old Trinity.

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of international agreement that may seem most desirable to the nations, whether permanent peace is to be secured by force, if necessary, or by law. The country is not committed to any one plan and President Wilson is entirely open to suggestions.

It is the administration view that the country can be committed to an abandonment of the policy of isolation, without senate action. In the plans so far contemplated, however, it is probable the nations would be bound by treaty agreements which would necessarily have to be ratified by the Senate, so far as the United States is concerned.

Fuller Understanding.—A fuller understanding of the embarrassment caused to the administration by the coincidence of its note with the German proposals was given today when it was said that, despite the early unfavorable effect which the note was expected to have in the Allied countries through that fact, it was decided to risk it in view of the great interest involved.

It is expected that some time before the American viewpoint will be accepted abroad, but it is felt that in the end it certainly will prevail.

It is also stated most emphatically that the note was not rushed off on Monday in order to get to Premier Lloyd George before he had been previously committed the Allies against peace in his speech to Parliament on Tuesday. That assumption was foreseen but officials expect it to lose weight and importance as the first impressions wear off.

Resentment Not Justified.—The early resentment in London and Paris on the assumption that the president's note declared both belligerents were fighting for the same object is regarded as unwarranted at the state department where today it was said that the note had been taken to avoid that very inference.

Stress was laid on the president's words to show that he had not expressed any conviction that both sets of belligerents were fighting for the same objects. On the other hand, the language of the note, it was pointed out, specifically said the statements of both groups of belligerents had so stated their objects in general terms to the people of their own countries. Officials were gratified to see this view being pointed out in some of the later foreign comment today.

Written After Study.—The phrase was written it was said, after study of the more recent statements of the belligerents rather than the statements at the time they entered the war. Then the avowed objects of all the nations were more specific, Italy for instance, coming into the war with an official statement of what it felt necessary for its future. Since then, however, on all sides it is felt a constantly increasing vagueness has been growing up which now is expanding into the most nebulous terms.

Hopel Sign.—General hostility to the note at first, both in allied and Teutonic countries, as conveyed in news dispatches, was regarded by officials as one of the most hopeful signs as it indicated that the note was neutral. Especially was the hostility in some of the German papers pleasing, as it was thought that when the Allies realized that the plan was not so welcome to their enemies, they would give to it more earnest and more impartial consideration.

The possibility of an early reply is discounted here. The Central powers have indicated that they will not risk laying down their peace terms until they have had a reply to their own proposals from the Entente Allies. While the reply now is nearly finished, it will take a week to distribute it to the various powers. The Entente Allies having both that reply and the president's note to consider and consisting of ten different nations, all with different interests, is expected to require considerable time to get its views into shape for transmission. The Allies' reply to the Central powers will not be made public here.

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PERSONALS



Mr. and Mrs. Homer Williams will spend Christmas at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Ramage, of Fairmont.

Mr. and Mrs. M. J. Lantz, of Fairmont, will visit Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Crile here Christmas day.

Miss Hazel Canter is visiting in Fairmont.

The Rev. and Mrs. W. I. Canter will spend Christmas day at the home of their daughter, Mrs. L. M. Hel-dreth, of Fairmont.

Reuben R. Robinson will be a guest of his brother, Claude, today, coming from Wheeling, his home.

Midshipman Julian Wilson, of the Annapolis Naval Academy, will spend Christmas in Clarksburg, a guest of Charles Hart, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Wilson and children, of Pittsburg, are spending the holidays with Mrs. Wilson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Koberg.

Mrs. Nora B. McCarty and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, have gone to Buckhannon to spend the holidays with relatives.

Hurst Koberg, who is a student at Princeton, N. J., is home for the holidays.

daughter, of East Orange, N. J., are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Frank B. Haymaker.

Louis A. Johnson left Saturday night for Roanoke, Va., where he will spend Christmas with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Gray and John Dolan, son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dolan, is home from school at Huntington for the holidays.

Miss Florence Dolan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Dolan, is home from school at Parkersburg for the holiday season.

Allen D. Fitzhugh, of Bridgeport, visited the city Saturday evening.

Birk S. Stathers, of Weston, visited the city Saturday afternoon.

James S. Griffin, of Lumberport, was a city visitor Saturday afternoon.

Albert Wilt, of Elkins, well known insurance man, returned Saturday night to his home at Elkins, following a business stay here a few days.

H. B. Carpenter is here from Fairmont.

E. H. Nichols, of Lumberport, is transacting business here.

C. L. Garner, of Fairmont, is a visitor in the city.

Miss Cretah Stutler, of Salem, is visiting here.

F. H. Maize, of Folsom, is in the city.

Miss Ruth Dixon, of Grafton, is here on a brief visit.

H. E. McMorrow, of Gassaway, is a guest at the Hotel Cera.

C. C. Duckworth is here from West Union.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Anderson, of Jacksonburg, are visiting here.

C. H. Thomas, of Parkersburg, is a city business visitor.

A. R. Stallings, of Parsons, is a Waldo guest.

Mrs. L. E. Lantz and daughter, of Jacksonburg, are in the city on a brief visit.

Miss Helen Allen, of Morgantown, is visiting here.

J. C. Young, of Huntington, is a guest at the Waldo.

Mrs. Stuart F. Reed, of Charleston, will arrive here Tuesday for a holiday visit with her mother, Mrs. Ellen Smith, and sister, Miss Cora R. Smith.

Mr. Reed will join her here the first of the year for a visit.

ADVANCE.

Owing to the increase in the cost of manufacturing brick, we are compelled to advance the price. The advance to take effect on the 30th day of December, 1916.

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OLDEST CHRISTIAN BELL WILL RING IN NEW YEAR

OAKLAND, Calif., Dec. 23.—The oldest dated Christian bell in existence will ring out the old and ring in the new at Oakland's New Year's celebration this year. The ceremony will be the finale of the production of "The Messiah" by the Alameda county chorus in the \$1,000,000 municipal auditorium.

Preceding the oratorio a pilgrimage will be made to the top of Mount Diablo, where farewell will be sung to the last sunset of 1916, and a dance symbolic of the birth of the new year will be given. Mount Diablo, the highest peak in central California, gained its name from an Indian chief called "The Devil," who routed the Spanish conquistadors in the seventeenth century.

These two events are parts of an elaborate musical program for 1917 arranged under the direction of the Oakland Chamber of Commerce.

CITIES NOT CAPTURED.

(BY ASSOCIATED PRESS.)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Consul General Garcia at El Paso, reported to the Mexican embassy tonight that he has been in communication with Carranza at Chihuahua and Torreon and was informed that neither of those cities had been captured or was in danger of being captured by Villa forces.

POTASH IN TOBACCO ASHES.

LONDON, Dec. 23.—A curious possible source of value in unconsidered waste is revealed by a British chemist's thought that tobacco ash contains twenty per cent of potash. He estimates that the ash of a cigar contains 6.5 grains of potash; that of a cigarette 1.75 grains, and that of an ordinary pipe of tobacco 1.6 grains.

MINERS GET INCREASE.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—Because of the increased cost of living, coal companies operating in Harlan county have announced that they will give the 3,500 miners in their employ a ten per cent increase in wages.

ANNOUNCE WAGE BOOST.

PITTSBURGH, Dec. 23.—The Westinghouse Electric Company has voted an increase to its 4,000 employees of twelve per cent of their salaries. The directors also voted to make this action retroactive and to take effect November 1 last.

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